PLANNING IN A COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT

Implementation Procedures

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GOAL

- Enhance collaborative approach to water resources management
  - Watershed / system vs. site specific
  - Multiple purposes / multiple partnerships
- Fully utilize flexibility and authority of Principles and Guidelines

Key Points

- Timeframe for planning
- Federal Interest
- Plan Selection
- Natural Resources Mitigation
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management
- *Peer Review*
- *DE Presentations*
- *Summary Reports*
- *Planning Models Improvement Program*

Italics in separate Circulars

Federal Interest

- Federal Interest vs. Corps Interest
- Collaborative planning may recommend a watershed plan with Corps' components as well as components to be implemented by other Federal agencies
- Highest budget priority when other Federal agencies participate with resources

Plan Selection

- All planning studies will evaluate, display and compare the full range of alternative plans' effects across all four Principles and Guidelines' accounts.
- A plan may be a candidate for selection if it has, on balance, net beneficial effects.
- May select and recommend any one of the candidate plans – (ASA(CW) exception needed if not NED or NER plan)
- The basis for selection will consider the beneficial and adverse effects in all four accounts
- Must identify an NED plan (for comparison)

Implementation Procedures

- Draft Interim Implementation Procedures – Jan 2006
  - Emphasis on OSE/RED Procedures
  - Under review
- Public Agency Public Participation/Collaborative Planning Policies – Jan 2006
- FY 06 On-going Efforts:
  - Finalize interim procedures
  - Collaborative Planning Handbook – clarify formulation and evaluation issues
  - RED/OSE handbooks – how to/techniques
  - Decision making tools for collaborative planning – explore applicability of available techniques and models to Corps needs.
  - Collaborative Planning Case Studies
  - Collaborative Modeling Program
    - National Cooperative Modeling Demonstration Program – case studies of tools and methodologies
    - Collaborative Planning and Management Demonstration Program – development of tools and methodologies
- Field working group being formed

Principles and Guidelines (P&G)

Four Accounts:

NED - National Economic Development

EQ - Environmental Quality

RED - Regional Economic Development

OSE – Other Social Effects